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The yellow fever which has from time to time appeared in various parts of the city has now assumed a more important aspect, and is causing a number of deaths.

It does not appear to us that proper repressive measures are being taken. Circumstances which may lead to serious calamity are of daily occurrence. Yesterday there was a yellow fever death in the person of an Arab living on Miserecordia Hill, and the bedding and clothing of the patient were exposed in the garden of the house in which the death occurred, as testified by various persons called in as assistants.

Similar occurrences are reported from other quarters, and we, therefore, claim the attention of the proper authorities.

Sanitary report from Rio de Janeiro.

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 20, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you the official report for the week ended April 7:

Statistics.

There were 336 deaths from all causes, a decrease of 31, as compared with the foregoing week; 16 deaths from *accessio pernicioso*, a decrease of 11; 22 deaths from yellow fever, a decrease of 10; 5 deaths from smallpox, an increase of 1; 7 deaths from typhoid fever, an increase of 3; 1 death from diphtheria, none before; 6 deaths from beriberi, a decrease of 3, and 56 deaths from tuberculosis, an increase of 6.

Information.

As I have already repeatedly reported, the summer of this year has been extremely dry and of constant high temperature. The state of health has not been very favorable. There have occurred a large number of light, and also more serious, fever diseases. Upon the whole, however, it will not be safe to assert that the season has been entirely unfavorable.

The total number of deaths up to the present time of this year, compared with those for the corresponding period last year, does not show any important difference. They have been, according to the weekly reports, from the end of January, 283 and 342, respectively, 367 and 300, 328 and 295, 314 and 344, 388 and 299, 385 and 342, 400 and 304, 466 and 432, 453 and 411, 412 and 395, 367 and 426, 336 and 382.

Yellow fever.

In regard to yellow fever it must be stated that the character of the disease has been favorable. Indeed, there has occurred a large number of cases, of which, however, only a small part has ended fatally. For the most part, light cases are not reported, and, therefore, it is not possible to give figures for the proportion of mortality to the number of cases.

The culmination of the epidemic was reached during the period from the middle of February to the middle of March. Since that time, the disease has been decidedly declining. Last year, on the other hand, yellow fever began to increase during the middle of March. The number of deaths from yellow fever from the end of January up to the present time this year, compared with the year 1898, according to the weekly reports, has been as follows, 13 and 6, respectively, 28 and 8, 41 and 7, 50 and 8, 37 and 25, 41 and 37, 51 and 42, 58 and 44, 49 and 62, 39 and 68. 32 and 70, 22 and 71.